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UNKNOWN VICTIM DIES; POLICE CALL IT MURDER

Several Theories Advanced But So Far Clues Are Indefinite---No Arrests Have Been Made.

ALL EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE BODY FAIL

Surgeons Say The Man Could Not Have Walked After Having Been Struck.

THE INQUEST HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The unknown victim of the tragedy at Sixth and Terrell streets died this morning at Riverside hospital at 2 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

No one has been able to identify the body, which was taken to Mattil-Efinger's morgue.

His body was between three and five blocks from the railroad, and surgeons say he could not have walked a step after receiving the blows on his head.

Police believe he was murdered and the body carried to the place where it was found.

The police "sweated" a number of people suspected of knowing something about the affair, but no arrests have been made.

A mad carousal was going on near the scene the night of the murder.

The most popular theory is that the man was murdered in a bawdy house near Sixth and Terrell streets and carried into the weeds.

The coroner's inquest has been indefinitely postponed.

Although it has been forty hours since the body of a handsome young man was found in some weeds near the corner of Sixth and Terrell streets in a desolate section of the city, with mortal wounds on his head, no one of dozens of people, who have attempted to do so, have identified him and the dastardly assailants remain as much of a mystery as at the start.

Without having gained consciousness or making any signification of his identity or explanation of his condition, the unknown man found near the Sixth street road yesterday, died at the Riverside hospital this morning at 2 o'clock, as the result of the wounds on his head. No efforts were spared in the hospital to save his life, but it was only too apparent that he was doomed to death when first he was brought to the institution.

Staff Surgeon H. P. Sights made a careful examination of his wounds for use in any trials which may come up in the future.

There are three theories advanced. First that he was assaulted at the nocturnal party in the woods. Second, that he was assaulted on the streets somewhere and carried to that spot. The third theory is gaining credence and is that he was assaulted in one of the bawdy houses in the north end of town, every article of identification removed from his person, and was carried to the place where he was found. The fact that a hat was found with him might indicate that the assault occurred near where he was found.

It was early yesterday morning that several colored women noticed the motionless body of a man slimmering in the weeds unprotected from the sun. The police station was notified and the patrol wagon was hastened to the scene. Tenderly the policemen lifted the unconscious body of a well-dressed man into the stretcher and hurried to Riverside hospital. Surgeons quickly arrived and it was found that the skull had been crushed in two places by a club or a like weapon by some one of giant strength. While the surgeons were doing all in their power to save the man Dr. Hearne knelt over him and made effort after effort to uncover the man's identity. The only words that Dr. Hearne could understand, and probably the only words that the man feebly uttered were "Arthur Pryor or Anthony Pryor." At any rate that is what the young man's physician un-

derstood the dying man to say.

A man in his 30s, so the police argue would have either given his dying breath in an endeavor to give his own name or the name of his slayer.

The man in spite of the skill of a half dozen surgeons and best of attention of nurses at Riverside hospital died at 2 o'clock this morning. The body was removed to the morgue of Mattil-Efinger & company, where it was viewed by hundreds of men and women. Every person it seemed who had not seen a relative or friend for the last thirty hours was on hand to venture a new theory of how as to dead man.

Coroner Frank Eaker lost no time in getting to work. A jury composed of the following men was soon secured: H. A. Douglas, Nick Prakes, Capt. Joe Wood, J. W. Dicke, Henry Gockel and H. J. Bookhammer, but upon the advice of the police and county attorney the inquest was postponed indefinitely. This will give the police and sheriff's force plenty of time to work on the shrouded mystery, besides giving time for the body to be identified.

If the body is not identified, Coroner Eaker will have front and side views of the body taken for future developments.

Not only have hundreds of Paducah folks looked upon the body, but dozens of persons from the county or nearby towns have arrived, being fearful that the dead man was a relative or friend.

The man was well dressed in a cheviot suit of a dark pepper check, soft hat, "Liberty Bell" brand, new patent leather low cut shoes with clear and neat shirt and underwear. He wore a 15 1/2 collar, "Nevada," of the Eagle brand.

Two Terrible Blows.

Two terrible blows had been struck one at the top near the front of the head and over the right eye; the latter discolored the face making identification much more puzzling.

Several young men, including one or two railroaders were presented before Judge Puryear, of the police court, last night to answer questions, but from all appearances without result as after a careful "sweating" all of them were allowed to go.

When asked today if anything developed from the investigation Judge Puryear replied: "If there had been, some one would have been held, but you see we turned them all loose and no warrants have been issued."

All sorts of theories and causes have been advanced, but so far none has taken definite form. Within a few blocks of where the man was found are several houses of bad character, where men and women with police records hang out. One theory is that the man was assaulted in some one of the houses and then dragged and thrown in the weeds to die.

Although his coat was almost new,

it bore unmistakable evidence of rough usages of recent date. Several holes were in the back and arms and a seam in the back was rent, as if it had been used as a hand hold to carry or drag the body.

William English, a mill owner of Mechanicsburg, who thought that the man may have been a stranger, who left his employ Tuesday, and Elwood Davis, fireman of Central station, who thought that the description answered that of a man from the county who had started to Cairo, viewed the body this afternoon but without results.

A relative of Cary Pruitt, a son of Mr. Thomas Pruitt a ship carpenter, thought that he recognized the crushed features as those of the ship carpenter's son. Pruitt's sister is a sales girl in a store on the same block as the morgue and when requested to go and see if the body was that of her brother, the girl came near fainting, although her brother was known to be alive and well last night. The shock was so sudden that the girl did not stop to think of that.

Not Clarence Carey.

From the description of the murdered man, which she read in The Sun yesterday, Mrs. Mary Aday, 1615 Jones street, believed that the victim was Clarence Carey, 22 years old, a car repairer, who had been working with the force in the south yards of the Illinois Central railroad, and was had been boarding at the Aday home. Mrs. Aday sent Boyd Phillips, a boarder, to identify the body, but he failed and is sure that he never saw the man before.

Mrs. Nannie Harris, a half sister of Carey, living a short distance from Paducah on the Mayfield road, viewed the body today and is positive that it is not the body of her brother.

Clarence Carey lost the end of his right index finger several years ago in an accident. The dead man's hands are perfect and do not appear as if they had done much hard work. The nails are caked with an extremely dark substance such as those of a painter, leather worker or railroad man.

Brown Waynick, a car repairer of the south yard crew, who has worked with Carey and known him for several years, stated today to a reporter for The Sun that the body was not that

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CUBA

TORN WITH INSURRECTION IN NEARLY EVERY PROVINCE.

Rebel General Is Killed With Many of His Men—Contempt for Civil Guards.

Havana, August 23.—More complete reports regarding yesterday's fighting show the insurgents didn't win a victory without loss to themselves. In the conflict near San Luis the rural guards under command of Major Laurent captured three and killed 30. The remainder fled to the hills.

The negro leader, General Banderas, with two companies was killed this morning in a fight with the rural guards between Mariano and Hoyo, Colorado. The general's body was fully identified.

In other parts of Havana and Santa Clara provinces insurgent bands under command of various leaders, are recruiting rapidly and the movement promises to become almost as active as in Pinar Del Rio. The boldness of the insurgents in coming to the very outskirts of Havana city shows more plainly than anything else their contempt for the government troops or rural guards.

Chicago, August 23.—Heat here caused ten deaths and 29 prostrations.

DID WILEY JONES FALL INTO RIVER?

Cries at Midnight and Disappearance Coincident.

Was Seen By Capt. Wade Brown Sleeping on Gang Plank of Dick Fowler.

BOTH HANDS WERE AMPUTATED

If Wiley Jones, a hand-less colored man, was drowned last night by rolling off the gang plank of the steamer Dick Fowler in his sleep, it occurred silently and without witnesses.

At 10:30 last night, John Street, night wharfmaster, who was sitting with the second clerk of the Dick Fowler near the office of the wharfboat, heard cries as if some one was having a nightmare. No attention was paid to the cries, as they are nightly occurrences among the rousters, who frequently have been known to walk overboard in their sleep.

Tom Renfro, night watchman on the Dick Fowler, heard the cries and came forward from the engine room to investigate. He did not find anything unusual.

Wiley Jones is a rouster, who previously had worked on the Joe Fowler. He is known as "Nubbins," from the fact that both hands have been cut off below the elbow. His home is Chattanooga, or at least that city is as much his home as a rouster who is unmarried ever claims any particular spot his home.

Last night he asked the mate on the Dick Fowler to "ship" him as a rouster on board the Dick Fowler. He was refused because he could not pull ropes, a great deal of which is done on the Dick Fowler. Jones then asked to be allowed to work his way to Cairo and this request was granted.

The mate noted that he was half drunk at the time and paid no further attention to him, soon afterward himself going to bed.

Capt. Wade Brown, engineer on the Dick Fowler, when coming off the boat going to his home in the city, had to step over the body of a rouster who was asleep on the gang plank. There is a space of four feet between the Dick Fowler and the wharfboat, on which the rouster was sleeping.

When the night watchman investigated the cries, he did not notice any one on the gang plank. No one could be found this morning who had seen Jones since last night, the cries must be construed as his death struggles in the water, he doubtless having rolled off into the river.

One of the rousters of the Dick Fowler remembered having seen Jones last night at 9:30 o'clock. Jones is about 30 years old, of medium height, and both hands have been amputated. Only the recovery of his body will solve the mystery of the cries on board the boat and his subsequent disappearance.

PROBABLY WILL BE RUN FROM CUMBERLAND TO PADUCAH.

Gate City, It Is Said, Will Be Purchased From Capt. Armstrong for This Purpose.

It is probable that the Gate City, owned by Captain Jim Armstrong of the Lyda, will be sold to persons, who will run it as a daily packet from a point 30 miles up the Cumberland river to this city. With the Royal from Golconda and the Cowling from Metropolis, Paducah would have a fine system of daily packets, making the city accessible to thousands of shoppers within a radius of 30 miles.

WOMAN SHOOT HER DAUGHTER

Hears the Child Enter and Thinks Her a Burglar.

Taylorville, Ill., August 23.—This morning at 2 o'clock Mrs. N. J. Kyler shot and probably fatally injured her 14-year-old daughter, Maude, mistaking her for a burglar. The girl had arisen to close an outside door which had been left open because of the heat. Three shots passed entirely through her. The family is highly respected and the mother is prostrated with grief.

BURGLARS BIND AND GAG GIRL

But Are Frightened Away Before They Secure Any Booty.

SHE IS AWAKENED BY LIGHT

"Keep quiet and we won't hurt you. We came for money."

These were the words 17-year-old Clara Bader, of 1014 South Twelfth street, heard as she raised up from her pallet on the floor at midnight last night, attracted by the streak of white light from a burglar's electric lamp.

The next instant she felt a rough black hand slip over her mouth and she swooned away.

When she came too a few minutes later the room was empty and she was lying bound and gagged in the door between her room and that of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Vogt, who slept through it all.

The girl tugged a handkerchief away from her mouth and cried feebly for help. Her mother came to her side thinking the girl was talking in her sleep.

Mrs. Vogt found that the girl's hands were fastened behind her back with a rough piece of twine tightly tied, and her feet were fastened together at the ankles with some embroidery work she had left on her dresser. The handkerchief over her mouth was of the common, five-cent, white variety.

The girl is suffering severely from the shock today.

Not a thing in the house was disturbed by the marauders. It is be-

lieved they were frightened away by Mr. Vogt, who was made restless by the warmth. He got up and walked to the front gate just about 12 o'clock. He came back ten minutes later, when the girl was found in the door.

The family all were sleeping down stairs. Miss Bader's room was nearest the front door. The screen of this door was unfastened, the only one in the house in that condition. Joseph Vogt, Jr., was on the back porch.

The burglars, two of them, entered through the front door. They went directly to Miss Bader's room. She was sleeping on a pallet on the floor on account of the heat. One of the men flashed an electric light in her eyes, and she awakened with a start. She sat up and saw the black throat of the man with the light against the whiteness of his shirt. She is certain he was a negro. He had a companion.

As she gazed half awake, the man spoke to her. She remembered his words in a hazy sort of way, and then a hand was slipped over her mouth.

She knew nothing of the operation of tying her hands and feet.

When they placed her in the doorway, it is probable that Mr. Vogt was going out of the room and this frightened the burglars away.

PASSENGERS MAROONED IN A CAR FAR FROM HOTEL DISTRICT OF CITY

A trolley load of sleepy passengers on their way in from the union station were marooned several blocks from the hotel district at an early hour today as the result of the Paducah Traction company's new road bed. The car, No. 80, on its way in struck the curve at Eighth and Clark streets shortly before 2 o'clock while

howling along at a good clip. The unsettled condition of the track caused the car to leave the rails the car rolling over the gravel until it halted near the side-walk. No one was injured and the passengers slumbered until the wrecker started the car on its way again. It was too warm to finish their journeys' end with a walk.

BIG CEREAL MERGER ATTACKED

New Yorker Goes to Courts to Prevent Formation of Combine.

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Suits were filed here today to enjoin a proposed meeting tomorrow of the American Cereal company stockholders for the purpose of transferring all the stock of the company to the Quaker Oats company and to organize a combination or alleged "cereal trust" in the United States and Canada.

MRS. VANDERBILT IS ILL.

Will Undergo Ordeal in Hope of Regaining Her Health.

Newport, R. I., August 23.—Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt will submit to an operation tomorrow when it is hoped that not only the cause of her serious attack of illness in Saratoga a few days ago, but also the reason of her ill-health for some time will be removed.

BOGUS DOLLARS FOR REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA.

New York, Aug. 23.—On a charge of making dies to counterfeit the standard silver dollars of Venezuela to finance a revolution in that country, secret service officers today arrested Capt. George Boynton, former resident manager of the Orinoco corporation of Venezuela, and R. L. Thomson, an attorney, both of this city. Both prisoners were admitted to bail in \$5,000. Joseph Keller and Sidney A. Keller, of Keller Bros., diemakers, were also arrested in connection with the case.

ONLY IN THE "ADS."

Do These Coffee Plantations and Steamers Exist.

Chicago, August 23.—The operations of the Labasco-Chipias Trading and Transportation company and the Lu-Me-Ha Miles company, Mexican investment concerns with offices here, were stopped today by the United States postal authorities. Henry D. Bushnell, president, and I. B. Miller, secretary and treasurer, were arrested. According to the literature of the companies they operate large coffee plantations and steamers. The authorities declare such is not the case and that Miller and Bushnell have been paying dividends from stock subscriptions.

HANGS HERSELF IN ASYLUM.

Girl From Havana, Ill., Takes Life at Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Ill. Aug. 23.—Miss Margaret Wells, a patient at the Central insane hospital, committed suicide here by hanging, using bed-clothes for a rope. She is from Havana, 19.

Situation Grows Worse.

Madrid, August 23.—The situation at Bialbo is becoming worse. Troops and strikers this evening collided twice. Many were wounded. A state of siege has been proclaimed. No news is published.

Local rains tonight and Friday. The highest temperature reached today was 90 and the lowest today was 74. Temperature falling.

By the consent of the people of Paducah, The Sun has the largest circulation in the city and county. The average for July was 4132 a day.